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TO AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

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TAGS: OEXC, UR (MIKKELSON, GERALD)

SUBJECT: UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS/KANSAS STATE EXCHANGE WITH
LENINGRAD

REF: LENINGRAD 1773

1. MIKKELSON HAS INFORMED THE DEPT THAT HE HAS NOW OBTAINED
IREX FUNDING FOR AN EXPLORATORY TRIP TO LENINGRAD TO
DISCUSS WITH LGU A DIRECT EXCHANGE RELATIONSHIP WITH A CON-
SORTIUM COMPOSED OF KANSAS STATE AND THE UNIVERSITY OF
KANSAS.

2. HE PROPOSES, IF THE CONGEN HAS NO OBJECTION, TO ARRIVE
IN LENINGRAD ON JAN 3 OR 4, AND TO REMAIN IN THE SOVIET
UNION UNTIL JAN 14-16, INCLUDING, IF NECESSARY, A STOP IN
MOSCOW. HE REQUESTS THAT THE CONGEN INFORM LGU THAT HE HAS
BEEN EMPOWERED TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT AND REFERENDUM, AND
THAT HE WISHES TO SECURE APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS WITH
ALESHKOVSKIY, SELEZNYEV, AND SPESHNYEV TOWARD THAT END.

3. IN VIEW OF SHORTNESS OF TIME DEPT HAS ADVISED HIM TO
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APPLY FOR VISA IMMEDIATELY, STATING THAT HE WILL BE

TRAVELING AS A GUEST OF ROBERT GEIS, AS SUGGESTED REFTTEL.

4. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE CONGEN CONFIRMATION OF
ACCEPTABILITY OF MIKKELSON'S PROPOSED ITINERARY AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE. ROBINSON

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